(d) when was the representation made and what action Government have taken in this regard so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In so far as schools run by Delhi Administration in these areas are concerned, adequate open space is available for the play grounds as per the norms.

(c) and (d) Mount Carmel School had approached M.C.D./D.D.A. in 1984 for allotment of open space available opposite the school. According to the information furnished by the Delhi Administration (Directorate of Education), no response has been received from the concerned authorities regarding allotment of open space to Mount Carmel School. It is for the M.C.D./D.D.A. to decide such individual cases.

Permanent posts of Section Officers in the Central Secretariat Service

2195. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 369 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th May, 1990 and state :

(a) the total number of permanent posts of Section Officers as on 1st March, 1990 included in the grade of Section Officer of the Central Secretariat Service, cadre-wise, separately in respect of each cadre of the Central Secretariat Service ; and

(b) the total number of temporary posts of Section Officers which have been in existence since January, 1987 and which are likely to continue indefinitely and are included in the grade of Section Officer of the Central Secretariat Service, cadre-wise, separately, in respect of each cadre of the Central Secretariat Service ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) and (b) The information is not centrally monitored since Section Officers' Grade of the Central Secretariat Service is decentralised and is administered by the various cadre authorities. The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Degradation of science research in the country as reported by CAG

2196. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the CAG in its recent report has highlighted the collapse of science research in the country; if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that several earlier committees on CSIR have given adverse reports on R&D programme in the country on which no follow-up action has been taken despite existence of high powered SACC ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON) : (a) No, Sir. The CAG has commented only on the utilization of funds by some of the Scientific Departments and not on the contents of their research and development programmes.

(b) The Prime Minister in his capacity as President, CSIR, appoints Committees to review the functioning and performance of